

1 **SECTION .3100 – CARE FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

3 **10A NCAC 09 .3101 SCOPE**

4 The rules in this Section apply to care for school-age children, as defined by 10A NCAC 09 .0102(41),
5 during the declared State of Emergency to coordinate the State's response and protective actions to address
6 the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety,
7 and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina ("Declaration of a State of Emergency") and
8 any subsequent declared State of Emergency arising out of or related to the COVID-19 public health
9 emergency. All rules in Section .2500 of this Chapter apply except as provided in this Section.

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16 **10A NCAC 09 .3102 DEFINITIONS**

17 The terms and phrases used in this Chapter are defined as follows except when the context of the rule
18 requires a different meaning.

19 (1) "Public schools" means:

20 (a) any building that is approved for school occupancy and which houses school-age
21 children as part of the public school system during the school year; or

22 (b) a remote learning facility.

23 (2) "Remote learning facility" means any building that is used by a public school system,
24 pursuant to a contractual arrangement, to house school-age children enrolled in that public
25 school system during the school year for the purpose of facilitating online or remote
26 learning programs, and that follows any and all guidance or considerations offered by the
27 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to mitigation strategies, the protection
28 of students, teachers, and staff, or slowing the spread of COVID-19 in K-12 schools. The
29 information and documents are hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent
30 amendments and editions, and may be accessed at [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html)
31 ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html at no cost.

32 (3) "Contractual arrangement" means a written agreement wherein the public school unit, as
33 defined in G.S. 115C-5(7A), agrees as follows:

(a) to be responsible for the enrollment and attendance of school-age children at a remote learning facility; and

(b) that it shall be liable for any incidents or occurrences at the remote learning facility in the same way it would be liable if the school-age child(ren) were in a building that is approved for school occupancy and which houses any part of the public school system. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this provision shall not prohibit the public school unit from obtaining liability insurance or from contracting with the remote learning facility regarding indemnification or other terms regarding the apportionment of liability between themselves for incidents or occurrences.

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10A NCAC 09 .3103 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pursuant to G.S. 110-86(2)(e), public schools are not child care and are, therefore, exempt from licensure. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, all NC Pre-K programs, as defined in Section .3000 of this Chapter, and Developmental Day Services, as defined in Section .2900 of this Chapter, and any program or arrangement housed in a public school that is not operated by the public school unit and provides care to three or more infants, toddlers, or preschoolers on a regular basis of at least once per week for more than four hours from persons other than their guardians or full time custodians or from persons not related to them by birth, marriage, or adoption are child care as defined in G.S. 110-86(2) and requires a child care license.

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10A NCAC 09 .3104 ADDING SPACE AT LICENSED CENTERS FOR CARE OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

If an operator of a licensed child care center wishes to use additional space not previously approved for child care, regardless of location, to care for school-age children during the Declaration of a State of

1 Emergency, the operator shall notify the Division of the desired change pursuant to 10A NCAC 09 .0204,
2 but shall have six months to obtain any required inspections of the additional space by the local health,
3 building, and fire inspections in accordance with G.S. 110-91(1), (4), and (5). If all other standards set forth
4 in G.S. 110-91 and this Chapter are met, the operator may provide care to school-age children in the
5 additional space and the Division shall document the same in a manner that will notify parents and the
6 public of the change. Once the operator provides documentation that the additional space conforms to all
7 applicable sanitation, building, and fire standards, and if all applicable requirements of G.S. 110, Article 7
8 and this Chapter are met, the Division shall issue a new license pursuant to 10A NCAC 09 .0204. If a health,
9 building, or fire inspection reveals that the additional space does not conform to the required standards, the
10 Division may issue a provisional license as set forth in 10A NCAC 09 .2204. Any space that the operator
11 desires to use as additional space for care of school-age children, which is not located within the currently
12 licensed facility, shall not be required to meet the outdoor space and fencing requirements of G.S. 110-
13 91(6). If there is no outdoor space at the additional space to be used for care of school-age children, that is
14 not located within the currently licensed facility, operators shall not be required to meet the requirements
15 of 10A NCAC 09 .0508(c). Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section, operators shall provide
16 indoor space for daily gross motor activities when outdoor space is not available.

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